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HONGKONG TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1891.

## TELEGRAMS.

THE ANTI-OPIMUM LEAGUE.

LONDON, April 11th.  
The House of Commons adopted, by 166 to  
150 votes, Mr. Pease's motion for the stoppage of  
licences, to grow the poppy and sell opium in  
India.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Imperial*, Capt. Poë, left the harbour  
this morning on a trial trip, after undergoing a  
general overhaul.

AN outbreak of malignant fever is reported  
to have caused terrible mortality among the  
European population on the west coast of Africa.

MESSRS. Butterfield & Swire inform us that the  
Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Orestes*, from  
Liverpool, left Singapore for this port yesterday  
afternoon, and is due on the 20th inst.

CAPTAIN H. M. Jones, H. B. M.'s Minister  
Resident at the Court of Siam, arrived here this  
morning from Bangkok, having come over in  
search of health, in the *Somdech Phra Nang*.

AN Emergency meeting of Zetland Lodge, No.  
525, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall,  
Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock  
precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE South-west monsoon, judging by the reports  
of vessels entering the port during the past  
forty-eight hours, is setting in fast and a strong  
S.W. current is to be met with in the region of  
Tarnabout and the Paracels.

An enterprising company has been formed in  
Tientsin to take over unoccupied islands in the  
Pacific. Rajah Francis, Q.C., might do a little  
business with them if he hasn't found a gold-  
mine on his wilderness in Borneo yet—or has.

At the Harbour Office this morning, before  
Comd. Hastings, R.N., Acting Marine Magis-  
trate, the masters of eight unlicensed junks  
were fined \$10 each, with the alternative of a  
month's imprisonment, for anchoring in the  
harbour.

THE body of a Chinaman was found floating in  
the harbour yesterday afternoon near Yau-ma-tei  
by a *fishing*. The deceased had evidently been  
in the water some considerable time as his  
features were beyond recognition. St. Peter  
alone knows who he was.

HERE is a problem for the fair sex. A lady was  
asked to take over unoccupied islands in the  
Pacific. My age, it multiplied by three.

Two-sevenths of that product would tripled be.  
The square root of two-ninths of that is four.  
Now tell me my age or never see me more.

Mr. *Pall Mall Gazette* Norman is likely to find  
that it is not all gold that glitters in Siamese  
concessions. The *Siam Gazette* bears that  
unforeseen difficulties are arising which are  
likely to lessen the magnificent prospects which  
he had flattered himself, all too soon, would  
place him in the lap of luxury.

A *HOME* paper says it is understood that the  
Government have now definitely resolved to  
give Sir John Pope Hennessy's proposal respect-  
ing the control of the coal-mining industry a  
trial. The stations in the China Sea—Hongkong  
and Singapore—will, as soon as possible, be placed  
under the control of the Admiral who commands  
the British Fleet there.

MR. CHARLES PEARSON, second officer of the  
American ship *Great Admiral*, met with a  
somewhat serious accident on Sunday, whilst  
superintending the weighing of the anchor. Just  
as it was lifted and being swung "in board"  
the chain of the derrick gave way and caught  
him round the arm, breaking it above the elbow.  
He is at present in the Civil Hospital.

MR. H. M. BRYCE will perhaps feel a thrill of  
pleasure that, like the gentleman Gilbert tells  
us of, he is an "Englishman," when he learns  
that the shareholders of the Osaka Railway  
Company, at a special general meeting held  
recently, decreed that the officials of the  
Company should raise the money to complete the  
line. For "line" read "mine," Mr. B.

GOOD news for our Dock Company. The  
Siamese Government, says the *Bangkok Times*,  
is seriously thinking of augmenting its fleet by  
the purchase of one or two more vessels of the  
*Raja Kumarn* type. Our contemporary adds  
that Siam is quietly becoming possessed of a  
very respectable little navy, and the rising  
generation are being taught to become smart  
sailors.

POLITICIANS are the same all the world over,  
from Trafalgar to Tokyo. The owners of the *Yifu*  
*Sinshin* wanted to turn out the editor of the other  
day, because he wasn't sufficiently enthusiastic  
in the Liberal cause, but he wouldn't budge, and  
now he and his "successor," with their rival  
sheet, are leaving opposition *Yifu*, each claiming  
to be the only authoritative organ. Mr. Parnell  
and *United Ireland* are not in it.

THE late Duke of Bedford sat in the House of  
Commons for twenty-five years, and in the House  
of Lords for eighteen years, in all a Parliamentary  
career of forty-three years, without opening his  
lips. We have honorable gentlemen on the  
Legislative Council, gentlemen attached to the  
Service, who wouldn't originate even as  
idea as to the price of chickens per pair if they  
lived to be a thousand. And when it comes to  
forgetting—[11]

THE ricksha is not an unadorned blessing,  
but it is somewhat surprising to hear of attempts  
to put it down by Act of Parliament, as was  
proposed in Japan recently. One's experience  
of them in Hongkong often causes the very  
improper petition to go up that the coolies might  
be severely and jointly taken out to sea and  
drowned, or sacrificed on a funeral pile composed  
of their own hideous vehicles, but they are handy  
if one is in a hurry, all the same.

THEY intend really having a railway in Siam.  
The Royal Railway Department have now  
officially asked for tenders for the construction  
of the Korat railway. Tenders are to be in the  
hands of the Railway Department before the  
15th of June, and their acceptance will be  
notified before the first of July. The work of  
construction must be begun before the 1st of  
September, and the whole line must be com-  
pleted before the 1st of August 1896.

THE German Government has reduced the  
tariff for inland telegrams from 1 cent and 4  
mills per word to 1 cent and 2 mills, with a  
minimum charge of 16 cents.

THE following telegram was received last week  
at the offices of the Roub Australian Syndicate,  
Singapore, from Mr. W. Bibby, mining  
manager:—

KWALA KUDU, April 3rd.  
"Battery working day and night. Will have  
rough partial clean-up by end of the week. No  
change in Roub Hole. Western lode: total  
length of main level is now 117 feet. The ore is  
largely mixed with mullock in both the faces."

THE Hongkong Rifle Association competition for  
the Short Range Cup and Spoons held on  
Saturday last was marked by some really good  
shooting, especially at the 200 yards. Sergt.  
W. Robertson, H.K.F., won the cup and 300  
yards spoon. Lieut. E. Marla R.N. winning the  
200 yards spoon. There were 14 competitors  
and the seven best scores are appended:—

Sgt. Robertson, H.K.F.	31	31	31	31	31	31
Lt. Marla, R.N.	29	29	29	29	29	29
Sgt. W. Robertson, H.K.F.	28	28	28	28	28	28
Lt. Marla, R.N.	27	27	27	27	27	27
Sgt. W. Robertson, H.K.F.	26	26	26	26	26	26
Lt. Marla, R.N.	25	25	25	25	25	25
Sgt. W. Robertson, H.K.F.	24	24	24	24	24	24

MR. CHALOMER ALABASTER, British Consul-  
General at Canton, will leave for home on or  
about the 10th prox., and will be succeeded by  
Mr. T. Watters, at present Consul at Newchwang.  
It is probable that Mr. Alabaster will retire from  
the Consular Service, in which his record is  
unique, he having actually served 55 years in  
the East, or equal to 14 years in computing his  
pension. One of the ablest and most indepen-  
dent representatives of British interests, that  
China has ever known, the veteran Consul-  
General, whose merits have received but tardy  
recognition from the Foreign Office, will be  
greatly missed, and we are hardly likely in this  
generation to see his like again.

A PAUL "D" VERLAINE.  
After a blessed interval of silence,  
While he perhaps was sharpening up his pen,  
Bursting upon us with a gentle violence,  
"Di's" catfishes is "on deck" again.

Peor Paul Verlaine! he's not much of a poet,  
But scarcely has deserved so hard a time;  
Tisly his good for him he does not know it,  
To thus pilloried in such dreadful rhyme.

Give us a rest. Ah, most poetic D.  
More than enough already we have got,  
Your sacred muse is nothing really  
But dreary rubbish, most exceeding rot.

THE passengers by the *Somdech Phra Nang*,  
which arrived this morning from Bangkok, had  
plenty of excitement for their money. About  
180 Chinese came over in her, and two of them  
took the opportunity of dying shortly after  
leaving Bangkok. Their bodies were duly  
coffined and put below the fore-deck, but in three  
or four days the odour became simply awful,  
despite the constant current of air which the  
steamer's motion caused. About 10.30 last  
night, however, came to anchor some  
thirty miles out, the weather being thick,  
and in the calm which ensued the late  
lamented made themselves altogether too promi-  
nent. When one of the European passen-  
gers became quite ill through the stench Capt.  
R. Jones thought that he had respected the  
Celestial's objection to be dumped when dead  
quite long enough, and he therefore told an  
officer to have the coffins heaved over the side.  
The order was passed on to the comparador,  
who only made some pretence of complying and  
then said "No can." The sailors, firemen,  
and cooks alike refused to perform the unpleas-  
ant but necessary task, and at length the officers  
determined to do it themselves. By this time  
the Chinese passengers had been aroused,  
and, crowding on deck, assumed a menacing  
attitude. Seeing that, Capt. Jones prudently  
instructed the officers and passengers (one of  
whom was Capt. H. M. Jones, British Minister  
to Siam, who wears the Victoria Cross) to arm  
themselves. Then, with a revolver in one hand  
and a knife in the other, he and the mate pos-  
sessed their way through the mob and got to the place  
where the coffins were. As they did so the  
Chinese jeered and insulted them, one man even  
going so far as to throw a heavy chattie at Capt.  
Jones' head, fortunately without hitting him.  
The chief engineer fired a couple of shots over  
the men's heads when matters came to that pitch,  
which had the effect of clearing them away from  
the immediate vicinity. The door of the lower  
deck was then hastily opened by the engineers,  
and, amidst yelling from the Chinese, the coffins  
were thrown into the water, the Europeans  
meanwhile facing the crowd in a way which  
prevented the manufacture of more dead Chinamen.  
Winchester rifles had any efficacy.  
No collision occurred, however, thanks to Capt. R.  
Jones' prompt measures, and the men disembarked  
this morning as placidly as possible.

## SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Mr. C. F. A. Sangster, Acting  
Registrar.)

April 14th.

In re LEUNG AN YON.

Leung Ah Yon, shipchandler of Praya Central,  
was further examined. Mr. Wilkison appeared  
for Lo Chi Hing, one of the largest creditors.

The bankrupt stated that \$10,000 was due  
from his branch firm in Penak. His Penak  
agents were not requested to collect that sum,  
for the reason that their house was closed up  
some months ago by an order of the court, in  
respect to a distraint for rent due to the landlord.  
All the book debts enumerated in the accounts  
filed last week were incurred during the  
past year. The larger items were for  
goods bought and paid for here, and  
sent down to his Penak agents for sale.  
The name of the Penak firm was Wo Li Tung.  
The partners, four in all, of the Wo Li Tung had  
deceased to their homes in the interior of China.  
One of them, Ching Sing Po, was imprisoned in  
Hongkong about two years ago owing to his  
attempt to abscond, leaving behind him a debt of  
\$12,000 odd due to him by the bankrupt. He was  
subsequently liberated and giving four prom-  
issory notes of \$300 each, to him. He handed  
the said notes to Mr. William Wotton to collect  
on his behalf. Mr. Wotton sent Ching Sing Po  
to recover on two of the notes, but he did not  
know whether anything was recovered. He  
thought "nothing" was paid in respect to  
them because the debtor "believed" to his home  
in the province of Kwang-si. He did not think  
it necessary to enter the four promissory notes  
amongst his assets and they were therefore  
omitted. His house, No. 37, Connel Street, was  
mortgaged long ago, but not to Mr. Wotton. He  
would get the four promissory notes from Mr.  
Wotton and hand them into Court. His store  
was closed eight months ago, owing to a creditor  
refusing to allow him time to find the money  
whereby to pay him off. That was shortly  
after sending a large quantity of goods to

Penak. \$10,000 was due to him from the  
Penak firm. The books of the Penak firm  
would soon arrive here as also the accountant,  
named Yum Nan Sheng. His bankruptcy was  
primarily due to the loss of about \$40,000 in  
share speculations during the past two years.  
At that time—eight months ago—he was "flushed"  
for a few hundred dollars when he was not in  
possession of as much as \$20. He hoped his estate  
would turn out pretty well, and pay 30 cents in  
the dollar. His total liabilities amounted to  
about \$12,000 and his recoverable assets might  
run up to about \$5,000.

After some persuasion Lo Chi Hing, a creditor,  
agreed to take charge of the book debts, and  
endeavour to collect them with the authority of  
the Court.

Pressed for evidence to corroborate his  
assertion, that the books of the Penak firm  
would soon be here, the bankrupt stated that  
a letter conveying news to that effect was in his  
house at Canton, and he would at once send up  
for it.

The examination was then adjourned until  
noon on Monday next, the bankrupt being  
instructed to produce the four promissory notes  
the letter from Penak, and a full statement of  
his dealings of his Penak firm.

## IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice.)

A DISCUSSION ABOUT CHINESE ANCESTRAL  
WORSHIP.

The famous will case, over which Tso Chang  
and others have squabbled since the year 1887  
with his brother Tso Lai Tong and others, was  
again the subject of a lengthy argument before  
the learned counsel this morning. Mr. Leach,  
instructed by Mr. Bowles (of Messrs. Wotton  
and Deacon's office) appeared for the plaintiffs,  
and Mr. J. G. Philippo, instructed by Mr.  
Mossop, represented the defendant. Capt.  
Clayson, a mortgagee, and Mr. Bruce Shepherd,  
the Official Administrator of the estate, which  
the plaintiff claimed in this Colony valued at  
about \$400,000.

Mr. Leach said that the case had been before  
the Court since 1882, and he now appeared to  
show cause why the clause in the will, setting  
apart an eleventh share of the testator's property,  
which was assigned solely for ancestral worship,  
should be declared void. Ancestral worship was  
not a charitable affair in any way, it merely  
satisfied the consciences of superstitious relatives,  
and money so assigned was tied up *ad infinitum*,  
and became virtually useless to the world at large.

On the grounds of public policy several British  
judges had decided that money so assigned—  
as, for instance, money left for the maintenance  
of a tombstone—could not be retained by  
executors or receivers for the purpose desired  
by the testator of a will, but, on the contrary,  
should be divided amongst those who were  
"next of kin" to the deceased. He then  
quoted from a number of legal authorities in  
support of his contentions, and concluded a  
lengthy address by reading long quotations from  
Law Reports, VI. Privy Council, page 381, in  
reference to a case *Yee Chee Nee*, respondent,  
appellant, versus *On Cheong Neo*, respondent,  
which Her Majesty's Privy Council decided in  
favour of the respondent, who had obtained a  
judgment in his favour in the Supreme Court at  
Penang, on an issue exactly similar to the one  
now raised by his (Mr. Leach's) clients.

His lordship—Has there ever been a question  
of this kind discussed in this Court?

Mr. Leach—"I don't know, your lordship, but  
I doubt it."  
Mr. Philippo said that he and his clients were  
quite at one with Mr. Leach in wishing to have  
the eleventh (ancestral worship) share divided  
amongst the ten legates of the testator, and he  
would be glad if his lordship would reserve  
judgment in order that the question of such  
division of one eleventh of the whole estate  
might be discussed between counsel, the official  
Administrator, and the Receiver.

His lordship, in adjourning the case, stated that  
he would deliver judgment at an early date.

SUICIDE AT THE CENTRAL  
POLICE STATION.

About half-past eight this morning Inspectors  
Quincey and Gaud and Sergeant Haddon, who  
were in the charge room of the Central Police  
Station, were startled by hearing a loud report  
close at hand, and in a few moments,  
on opening the store, it was found that  
Richard Ryan, the storekeeper and musketry  
instructor, had committed suicide by means  
of a Martini-Heidel carbine. From the position  
in which the unfortunate man was found, it  
appears he must have held the carbine under  
his right arm, and he held the trigger with  
his right hand, the bullet passing through his  
head, the upper portion of which was blown  
off, and blood and brains scattered around.  
The body was at once conveyed to the  
Government Mortuary, death having been  
instantaneous. The deceased was not seen  
as he entered the compound or the store,  
or the Inspectors might have thought it strange  
to see him so early, as he seldom com-  
menced his daily duties till between 9 and 9.30  
a.m. each day, and he seldom took the room  
for doubt that he had taken every precaution  
not to be disturbed in his task at the  
deceased, who was about 46 years of age,  
was an Army pensioner, having served with  
the 60th Rifles, and only arrived in the Colony  
last May to take up the duties of musketry  
and drill instructor to the Hongkong Police  
Force. He leaves a widow, who arrived a little  
over two months since from England, but no  
family, as he had no children, and he was  
a native of Lancashire. The body was laid out  
in the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley,  
this afternoon.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the above  
Company was held at their offices, Praya Central,  
this afternoon for the purpose of altering the  
Articles of Association. There were present:—  
Messrs. W. H. Forbes (Chairman), D. Gillies,  
A. Dyer, J. H. Cox, A. Watson, Z. A. Tomes  
and R. Shewan (secretary).  
The Chairman said:—This meeting has been  
called for the purpose of passing the resolutions  
stated in the notice, and which have been drawn  
up in accordance with the decision of the General  
Meeting held on the 31st ult. Under the  
Articles of Association all new shares must be  
offered to the then existing shareholders in pro-  
portion to the number of old shares held by them,  
and for fractional parts of new shares certificates  
will be issued, a sufficient number of which  
certificates will be exchangeable for scrip for  
one whole share. The words "then existing"  
means the registered members at the date of the  
confirmation of the special resolutions, on which  
date therefore, the transfer books of the Company  
will be closed. If the resolutions now submitted  
are passed a confirmatory meeting will be  
required to be held after an interval of not less  
than fourteen clear days.  
The resolutions were each proposed and  
seconded and carried in due form unanimously.  
The Chairman announced that a confirmatory  
meeting would be held a fortnight hence, and  
having thanked those present for their atten-  
dance, the proceedings closed.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by  
Correspondents in this column.)

## THE WATER SUPPLY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."  
SIR,—I am directed to forward you for your  
information the enclosed copy of a letter  
addressed to the Honourable The Colonial  
Secretary respecting the present scarcity of the  
Water Supply, and to request you to insert the  
following notification in the next issue of your  
paper.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
FRANCIS A. COOPER,  
Resident Engineer,  
Hongkong, April 14th, 1891.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified for public information  
that, in view of the present condition of the  
Water Supply, on and after Wednesday the 15th  
inst. the water will be turned on to the City  
between the hours of 6 and 10 a.m. only, until  
further notice.

By Command,  
W. M. DEANE,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Water and Drainage Department

Resident Engineer's Office,  
Hongkong, April 13th, 1891.

SIR,—I have the honour to report that the  
rapid fall of water in the Tytan and Polesham  
Reservoirs still continues, and I calculate that at  
the present rate of consumption the water will  
last for another 15 days.

In view of the present condition of the water  
supply I recommend for the favourable considera-  
tion of His Excellency the Governor, that on and  
after Wednesday next the water will be turned  
on to the city between the hours of 6 and 10  
a.m. only, instead of, as at present, the hours of  
6 and 10 a.m. and 6 and 9 p.m., and that the  
attention be directed to the local papers.

I am bound to admit that this is a heavy  
restriction, but a little water is better than no  
water at all, and I regret to say that in the absence  
of heavy rains occurring shortly the city at the  
present rate of consumption must very soon be  
limited to the quantity of water flowing down  
the streams.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
FRANCIS A. COOPER,  
Resident Engineer,  
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary.

THE POST OFFICE REPORT FOR  
1890.

The following report by the Postmaster-General  
for 1890 was laid on the table of the Legislative  
Council on Friday last:—

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 6th March, 1891.

SIR,—In presenting my report on the British  
Postal Service in Hongkong and China during  
the year 1890, I feel compelled to advert at the  
beginning to the heavy loss sustained through the  
death of the late Postmaster-General, Mr.  
Lister, who, from the date of his appointment  
in April, 1875, till the day he left Hongkong  
upon his last and fatal voyage in July, devoted  
a large portion of his experience and energy to  
the conduct of Postal matters. By his staff he  
was always assisted in his arduous  
duties, and his personal supervision and  
work whilst the public found in him the em-  
bodiment of civility and an officer always ready  
to redress legitimate grievances, and carry out  
practical popular reforms and proposals.

1.—The Department has lost another zealous  
servant in the person of Mr. A. J. Rodriguez,  
second clerk, who joined the staff in February,  
1879.

2.—During the year, the *personnel* of the  
Department has undergone considerable change.  
When I went on leave in April, 1890, Mr. T.  
Scombe-Smith supplied my place and placed  
of valuable assistance to Mr. Lister, who was  
for the next few months mostly confined to his  
room and bed. Upon Mr. Lister's decease, I  
was appointed Acting Postmaster-General with  
Mr. Smith as second in command. On the 22nd  
March the withdrawal from the colony of Z. M.  
Baynards, the Superintendent of the Money  
Order Department, led to an investigation of his  
accounts which showed heavy deficiencies on his  
part. This officer was later on brought back to  
Hongkong and at the same time Mr. Scombe-Smith  
was appointed to three years' hard labour. His  
successor, Mr. H. W. Dixon, who was appointed  
on the 1st May, has hitherto satisfactorily per-  
formed his duties. The adoption of a new system  
of checks upon the administration of the Money  
Order Department has placed the recurrence of  
frauds similar to those lately enacted beyond the  
pale of likelihood.

3.—The Staff consists of 45 persons compris-  
ing:—Postmaster-General, Assistant Post-  
master-General, 4 Accountants, 2 Money Order  
Clerks, 3 Marine Officers, 3 Chinese Assistants  
for Marine Officers, 11 Clerks, 3 Senior Chinese,  
7 Postmen, 3 Pak and Kaulung Postmen, 6  
Messengers, 5 Launch Crew, total 45. To every  
officer my thanks are due, but especially to  
Messrs. Rocha and Machado, whose thorough  
intimacy with the whole range of postal concerns  
has proved invaluable.

4.—The Consular Postal Agents in the various  
ports and riverine ports have sustained their  
character for ability and zeal, and it was the  
most pleasing act of my last year's tenure of  
office to announce to them that the Secretary of  
State for the Colonies had yielded to their  
repeated requests for an increase of salary.

5.—In the course



## (Translation.)

French Republic,  
Paris, 5th February, 1890.  
Sir,—This Administration has just learned that the Colonial authorities of Hongkong, in the name of your office, have recently taken fresh steps to secure the admission on board the packet boats of the Messageries Maritimes of a British agent, who would start from Singapore and sort correspondence intended for Hongkong.

In its great desire to contribute as much as lay in its power to the improvement of the postal service of Hongkong, this Administration had actually taken the scheme into consideration, notwithstanding the very serious inconveniences which might result to the French service from its adoption.

In consequence, however, of the abandonment (denunciation) of the Anglo-French Postal Convention of the 24th September, 1885, it has seemed proper to postpone the carrying out of the works contemplated on board our mail packets (till the conditions of the favoured régime which shall be applicable in the future to mail packets touching at the ports of the two countries, shall have been settled by mutual agreement between the Governments of France and Great Britain).

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs.

## MACAO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Macao, 13th April, 1891.  
His Excellency the Governor of this happy colony is making a spirited attempt to prevent the entire closing of the port. The mud has of late years been sitting up in the harbour to such an extent, that the day cannot be very far distant, unless effective measures of prevention are actively taken in hand, when even steamers of the lightest draft will be unable to enter the inner harbour. Senhor Boria, himself a practical sailor, has recognised the danger, and as Macao's very existence depends on the maintenance of her shipping relations with Hongkong and Canton, he has done wisely in grappling with a serious difficulty that has been rendered more formidable by the neglect of years.

The harbour of Macao needs thorough dredging and the construction of a carefully buoyed channel from opposite the Light-house to the wharves inside, and at a meeting of the Executive Council held on Saturday the 4th inst., the preliminary steps to this reform were inaugurated. Tenders had been invited for a powerful dredger, and out of numerous competitors the decision eventually rested between a Belgian firm and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited. A wise resolution was adopted when it was unanimously decided that the tender of the Dock Company be accepted, to supply for the sum of \$10,000 a powerful dredger, in accordance with plans and specifications together with two large barges. The proposal for the new dredger has been passed in Council, and no doubt the money necessary will be voted in due course; but nevertheless it would be a risky business predicting a stated time when we shall see the dredger actively at work. The wheels of practical reform revolve very slowly in the "gem of the Orient earth."

The Government has started to dig out the old dock and to erect work-shops to repair the machinery of steam-launches, etc., just inside the Barra for this dock, and has granted to Government a short time slice—when Colonel Ferreira was Acting Governor—by Tan Sin Ip, the adopted son of Chow On, one of the leading Chinese merchants, and the authorities are now clearing it out and constructing a small naval depot for local repairs.

It is satisfactory to note that the work of thoroughly cleaning the town is being energetically proceeded with. After the deadly influenza epidemic of the past winter, the Government issued a decree that every road and street should be cleaned, and that every house in the colony must be white-washed every three years and freshly painted at least once in eight years. This order caused considerable grumbling at first, but it is being carried out and doubtless beneficial results to the public health will accrue.

Referring to the epidemic of influenza, the loss of life here was very great. A large number of old Portuguese residents succumbed, and amongst the Chinese the death-rate averaged from thirty to forty daily.

The gunboat *Tylo* left here for Lisbon on Saturday morning. In addition to her proper complement she had on board twenty-eight extra passengers—twenty-two time-expired soldiers and six prisoners—who were packed like herrings in a barrel. They will have a gay time in the hot weather the vessel is certain to encounter on her homeward voyage.

At the half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Steamship Co. on January 30th the Chairman (Mr. E. R. Bell) stated that the steamer *Hongkong* had proved a very suitable vessel for the trade. This "very suitable vessel" was stuck in the mud nearly three miles off the port on Saturday last, and did not get alongside the wharf until past eight o'clock, over three hours late.

There has been a good deal of talk here lately about the probability of Timor being opened up to industrial enterprise and used for the benefit of Macao. Through the influence of Bishop de Melchior concessions have been granted to Mr. J. A. Barreto of Hongkong and to Mr. J. A. Bator, of this port, the former to work alleged petroleum deposits, the latter to search for gold. It is said that prospecting will shortly be commenced, the preliminary expenses being borne by the Hon. C. P. Chater, who is understood to have secured a considerable interest in the venture. Some years ago the petroleum deposits in Timor were the subject of general discussion in commercial circles, and the present writer has a satisfactory analysis made on a sample by a local expert, but for some reason or other the proposed scheme was allowed to lapse, at all events it died out for lack of support. That there are petroleum springs in Timor is undoubted, but Wallace in his "Malay Archipelago" says that they are far in the interior and can never be made available until the country is civilized. The same author also states that gold has been found, but very sparingly and of poor quality.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, March 25th.  
The King of Siam has granted to an English firm a concession for the construction of a railway between Kedah and Senggora.

The Times this morning discussing the Budget for the past year expects that there will be a surplus of two millions, the Exchequer contributing one million and a half, and Customs half a million over the estimate. The reduction in the tea duty appears, the Times says, to have stimulated the consumption of that beverage.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, March 25th.  
The Governor to-day summoned a meeting of the House of Assembly for the purpose of hearing the royal assent read to some bills which had passed in Parliament; but the majority of the members refused to attend, this action being intended as a protest against the harsh treatment of the colony by the Imperial Government in the matter of the fisheries dispute with France. The Speaker and other members of the House who attended were elected by their dissenting colleagues.

LONDON, March 26th.  
The inquiry by the Marine Court at Gibraltar into the circumstances attending the collision between the *Utopia* and H.M.S. *Rodny* has resulted in the Court finding that the captain of the *Utopia* committed a grave error of judgment. It however decided that no further action should be taken against the captain.

PARIS, March 26th.  
The Queen arrived at Gisors yesterday, and was received with extraordinary enthusiasm by the inhabitants and visitors, thousands assembling in the streets to welcome her. The whole route through which Her Majesty passed was lined by French troops.

How to gain Flesh and Strength.—Take after each meal about a tablespoonful of Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. It is almost as palatable as milk and easily digested. The rapidity with which delicate children and sickly people suffering from weakness and wasting disease improve and thrive upon this diet is truly marvellous. As a remedy for Consumption and Throat Affections and Bronchitis is unequalled by any other preparation in the world. Any Chemist can supply it.—A. S. Watson & Co. (Ltd.), agents in Hongkong and China.—[Adv.]

## To-day's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE,  
No. 525.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in the FRANKMASON'S Hall, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 14th April, at 8.30 for a special purpose. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1891. [574]

VICTORIA CHAPTER,  
No. 525.

THE FIRST REGULAR CONVOCATION of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Hongkong and South China will be held in MASONIC HALL, on FRIDAY, the 17th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. All Royal Arch Masons, Members of Victoria Chapter, are also cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1891. [577]

NOTICE.  
THE PARTNERSHIP between HOLMES and RODDYK, Solicitors, is dissolved to-day by mutual consent.  
HENRY J. HOLMES,  
ARTHUR B. RODDYK.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1891.

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HONGKONG TRADING CO., LTD.  
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FURNISHING ESTABLISHMENT IN HONGKONG.

CABINET FURNITURE,  
BEDSTEADS, CARPETS,  
HOUSEHOLD LINENS,  
LACE CURTAINS, CHINA, CUTLERY, &c., &c.  
ALL READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE.  
PRICES WILL COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH ANY HOUSE IN THE EAST.

NEW PREMISES,  
COLONIAL HOUSE.  
Hongkong, 10th April, 1891. [368]

IMPORTANT NOTICE.  
MR. S. IKEDA

DEGS TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY OF HONGKONG THAT HE IS LEAVING FOR JAPAN ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, THE 15TH INST.  
THE EXHIBITION OF JAPANESE ART

WILL BE ON VIEW  
TO-DAY the 14th instant.

Reductions will be made in the price to save the Expenses of Packing, &c. to return to Japan.

AT MR. W. S. MARTEN'S OFFICE,  
2, DUDDELL STREET.  
Hongkong, 11th April, 1891. [564]

THE  
CRITERION DINING SALOON,  
Nos. 21 & 23, POTTINGER STREET.  
Opposite the VICTORIA HOTEL, Half a minute from Victoria Landing.  
Proprietor.....E. FUCHS.

LICENSED TO RETAIL—WINES, SPIRITS AND LIQUORS of every description; will warrant all good of the best quality.  
BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNERS provided at a moment's notice.  
Oyster Suppers, Sandwiches, Manila Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobacco.  
The Establishment is entirely under European Management. [516]

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.  
THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY  
will produce Burdett and Sullivan's  
Comic Opera  
"THE CONTRABANDISTA"  
OR  
"THE LAW OF THE LADRONES,"  
ON  
SATURDAY, the 18th April,  
and  
MONDAY, the 20th April.

CHARACTERS:  
Count Vasquez.....Mr. G. P. LAMBERT.  
Sancho.....Mr. C. J. HOLLIDAY  
Jose.....Mr. R. SMYTHE.  
Mr. Grigg.....Mr. LIGHTWOOD.  
Inez.....Mrs. GORDON.  
Rita.....Miss LAMBERT.  
CHORUS OF ROBBERS, SOLDIERS & PEASANTS.

The "CACHUCA" dance from the  
"GONDOLIERS" will be introduced by special  
request, with fresh Figures.

TRAM-CARS will run from mid to the Peak  
at suitable hours on above dates.

Dress Circle and Stalls.....\$2.00  
Back Seats.....\$1.00

Doors Open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to  
commence at 9 p.m.

Tickets obtainable at Messrs. Lane, Crawford  
& Co's from 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 14th inst.  
Hongkong, 14th April 1891. [561]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF  
HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the matter of the Estate of JOHN HENRY SMITH, late of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Storekeeper, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Honourable the Chief Justice having, in virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, made an Order limiting to the 9th August, 1891, the time for sending in claims against the said Estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned before the said date and all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1891.

WOTTON & DEACON,  
Solicitors for the Executors,  
35, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship  
"FORMOSA,"  
Captain Lewis, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1891. [581]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A COMPETITION for the Short Range HANDICAP CHALLENGE CUP and SPOONS, will be held on SATURDAY next, the 18th instant, commencing at 3.15 P.M.

Range 500 and 600 yards; usual conditions. A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 9.45 P.M. to convey competitors.

FRANK COLLINS,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1891. [585]

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 17th April, 1891, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sale Rooms, Duddell Street,

A quantity of DRAPERY, &c., comprising:—LADY'S JERSEYS, ZEPHYR DRESSES, CRISPE COSTUMES, CHILDREN'S DRESSES, SILK AND THREAD GLOVES, FANS, &c., GENTS' WHITE SHIRTS, CUFFS and COLLARS, SUIT LENGTHS in LIGHT MATERIAL, TWEEDS, WATER-PROOFS and FANCY GOODS.

&c., &c., &c.  
The above will be on view on Thursday P.M. Terms of SALE—Cash before delivery.

G. R. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1891. [586]

## Intimations.

THE PUNJON AND SUNGHIE DUA  
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY,  
LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 2nd April, 1891, at 2 p.m. when the subjoined Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held this day, the 8th April, 1891, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—

"To Cancel and eliminate from the Articles of Association paragraph No. 2 of Article VI and substitute the following in lieu thereof:—

2. "The Directors in meeting may increase the Capital of the Company by the issue of sixty thousand shares of One Dollar each, and the Company in General Meeting may from time to time increase its Capital by the issue of shares to such further amount, and of such denomination, as the meeting may determine."

"To cancel and eliminate from the Articles of Association paragraph No. 5 of Article XIII."

"That the Articles of Association be amended by the addition of the following clause after paragraph 11 of Sec. 15, viz:—

12. "That the Directors may at their discretion abandon or surrender the whole or any portion of the Company's property, Sunghie Dua Samantan, situated in the Malay State of Pahang, on such terms and conditions as they may deem fit."

"That it be an instruction to the Directors to issue the new shares as preference shares, and that the holders thereof be entitled to a cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 12 per cent per annum."

"That in the event of the Company being wound up the holders of the said preference shares shall be entitled to have the surplus assets of the Company applied in the first place to repaying to them of the amount paid up on such preference shares, the residue of such surplus assets shall belong to and be divided among the ordinary shareholders of the Company."

By Order of the Board,  
A. O'D. GOURDIN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 8th April, 1891. [565]

THE HALL & HOLTZ C. Co., LIMITED.  
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
REGISTERED OFFICE—4, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Head Office, 13, Nanjing Road, Shanghai, at 11 O'CLOCK in the forenoon of SATURDAY, the 25th April, 1891, when the Report and Accounts for the year ended 28th February, 1891, will be presented. The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 20th to 25th inst. (both days inclusive). Proxies must be sent in for registration, not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

By Order of the Directors,  
W. HAYWARD,  
Secretary.  
April 2nd, 1891. [547]

NOTICE.  
THOMAS KERR & CO.  
ENGINEERS, BOILER-MAKERS  
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YAU-MA-TI ENGINEERING WORKS,  
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OFFICE—No. 12, D'AGUIAR STREET.  
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## Commercial.

## LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, ex New Issue, 201 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cum New Issue, 201 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, New Issue, 201 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$95 per share, buyers.  
 China Traders Insurance Company—\$63 per share, buyers.  
 North China Insurance—Tls. 275 per share, buyers.  
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$115 per share, sellers.  
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 70 per share, nominal.  
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.  
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$320 per share, sellers.  
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$82 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$99 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$24 per share, sales.  
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—125 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$131 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$120 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Co's Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.  
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—\$200 per share, discount, sellers.  
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$48 per share, buyers.  
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$200 per share, buyers.  
 Luon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$95 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$90 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.  
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.  
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$31 per share, buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—\$4 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—\$5 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1885 E—14 per cent. premium.  
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$44 per share, ex div., buyers.  
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$45 per share, nominal.  
 Fungion and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$3 per share, sellers.  
 The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—80 cents per share, sellers.  
 Imuris Mining Co., Limited—\$12 per share, buyers.  
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$78 per share, buyers.  
 Tonglu Coal Mining Co.—\$430 per share, buyers.  
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 per share, buyers.  
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$10 per share, buyers.  
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$56 per share, sellers.  
 The Seng Kok Planting Co., Limited—\$13 per share, buyers.  
 Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$40 per share, nominal.  
 The Siam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.  
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—50 per cent. dis., sellers.  
 The China-Borneo Co., Limited—\$6 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$12 per share, sellers.  
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$19 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$88 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.  
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.  
 The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$30 per share, sellers.  
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.  
 The Labuk Planting Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.  
 The Lamag Planting Co., Limited—\$ per share, buyers.  
 The Telabu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$2 per share, buyers.  
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, buyers.  
 The Shamson Hotel Co., Limited—nominal.  
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$15 per share, buyers.  
 The Bank of China & Japan & the Straits Ld.—\$18 per share, sellers.  
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 The Hongkong Marine, Limited—nominal.  
 London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Limited—\$14, sellers.  
 The National Bank of China—10 per cent. dis., sales and sellers. Founders 600 sellers.

**EXCHANGE.**  
 ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. .... 1/16  
 Bank Bills, on demand ..... 1/16  
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 1/16  
 Credits at 4 months' sight ..... 1/16  
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 1/16  
 ON PARIS—Bank, T. T. .... 1/16  
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 Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 1/16  
 On India, T. T. .... 1/16  
 On Demand ..... 1/16  
 ON SHANGHAI—Bank, T. T. .... 1/16  
 Privately, 30 days' sight ..... 1/16

**MAILS EXPECTED.**  
 THE GERMAN MAIL.  
 The Norddeutscher Lloyd Co's steamer *Prinzess*, with the German mail of 17th ultimo, left Singapore on the 10th instant at 7 p.m. and may be expected here to-morrow.  
 THE AMERICAN MAIL.  
 The P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 21st ultimo, left Yokohama on the 11th instant and is due here on the 17th.  
 THE CANADIAN MAIL.  
 The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co's steamer *Saladette*, left Vancouver for Yokohama and Hongkong on the 27th ultimo.

**STEAMERS EXPECTED.**  
 The 'Ben' line steamer *Bengles*, from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 10th instant and is due here on the 17th.  
 The Ocean Steamship Co's steamer *Myrtal*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 11th instant and is due here on the 18th.  
 The P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Gwalior*, left Singapore on the 11th instant at 2 p.m. and is due here on the 19th.

The 'Union' line steamer *Rita*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 11th instant and may be expected to arrive on the 19th.  
 The Ocean Steamship Co's steamer *Orontes*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 11th instant and is due here on the 20th.  
 The P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer *Nizam*, left Bombay on the 9th instant and may be expected here on the 26th.

## Shipping.

**ARRIVALS.**  
 ALWINE, German steamer, 400, Petersen, 13th April, Hobrow 12th April, General.  
 VICTOR & Co.  
 PROWETKUS, British steamer, 1,402, Webster, 14th April, Amoy 12th April, General.  
 Butterfield & Swire.  
 MARIA TERESA, Austro-Hungarian steamer, 1,100, R. Deperis, 13th April, Trieste 18th Feb., Bombay 24th March, and Singapore 7th April, General.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.  
 SISHAN, British steamer, 845, E. F. Storell, 13th April, Saigon 9th April, Rice, F. J. J. and Fish.  
 VERON, British steamer, 1,876, F. H. Seymour, 13th April, Yokohama 4th April, Malls and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
 SOMDITCH PHRA NANG, British steamer, 1,057, R. Jones, 14th April, Bangkok 8th April, Rice.—Yuen Fat Hong.  
 FLINTSHIRE, British steamer, 1,878, W. Dwyer, 14th April, Singapore 8th April, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
 NAWMAN, British steamer, 805, J. Blackburne, 14th April, Bangkok 6th April, Rice.—Hop Hing Hong.  
 MARTHA, German steamer, 1,180, Ahrenskiel, 14th April, Shanghai and Wuhu, 8th April, Rice.—Tong Tai Cheong & Co.  
 DELTA, French steamer, 717, Abbal, 14th April, Haiphong 10th April, General.—Messageries Maritimes.  
 CHU-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 1,211, C. R. Noll, 14th April, Whampoa 14th April, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

**CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.**  
*Prato*, German steamer, for Chefoo, &c.  
*Alutua*, German steamer, for Hobrow, &c.  
*Phra Nang*, British steamer, for Bangkok.  
*Vormars*, German steamer, for Manila.  
*Singapore*, British steamer, for Bangkok.  
*Lye-moon*, British steamer, for Shanghai.  
*Albany*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

**DEPARTURES.**  
 April 14, Singapore, British str., for Bangkok.  
 April 14, Singapore, British str., for Feuchow, &c.  
 April 14, Hatten, British str., for Swatow, &c.  
 April 14, Kaitow, British steamer, for Shanghai.  
 April 14, Vormars, German str., for Manila.  
 April 14, Prato, German str., for Chefoo, &c.  
 April 14, Lye-moon, British str., for Shanghai.  
 April 14, Ingeran, German str., for Saigon.  
 April 14, Kwongtang, British str., for Tientsin.  
 April 14, Martha, German str., for Whampoa.

**PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.**  
 Per *Flintshire*, str., from Singapore.—1 European and 80 Chinese.  
 Per *Prometheus*, str., from Amoy.—480 Chinese.  
 Per *Siskian*, str., from Saigon.—10 Chinese.  
 Per *Maria Teresa*, str., from Trieste, &c.—150 Chinese.  
 Per *Virona*, str., from Yokohama for Hongkong.—Mr. Bennett and servant. From Kobe.  
 Messrs R. B. Smith, J. P. Newcome, Hung Hing, Yamada, Yamaga, 1 Chinese lady, 6 distressed British seamen, and 8 Chinese (stevedores) from Yokohama for Brindisi.—Miss Bristowe.  
 For London.—Messrs. Clark Thornhill, and Nelson and son.  
 Per *Somditch Phra Nang*, str., from Bangkok.—Captain H. M. Jones (British Minister to Siam), Mr. T. Lloyd Williams, and 86 Chinese.  
 Per *Nawman*, str., from Bangkok.—2 Europeans and 16 Chinese (deck).  
 Per *Delta*, str., from Haiphong.—Messrs. Ledesin, Charles Ferry, Janin and son, and 1 Chinese.

**REPORTS.**  
 The British steamship *Prometheus* reports that she left Amoy on the 12th instant. Had twelve hours fog after leaving Amoy, and south-east winds throughout.  
 The British steamship *Flintshire* reports that she left Singapore on the 8th instant. Had fresh southerly breeze and clear weather to Ladrones Island. Light breeze and thick weather from Ladrones Island to Hongkong.  
 The British steamship *Nawman* reports that she left Bangkok on the 6th instant, and had light change on the 7th. Experienced S.W. weather till off Paracels. Fresh southerly breeze and heavier weather till making the land, thence had fresh westerly winds, overcast and cloudy weather.

## Post Office.

**A MAIL WILL CLOSE**  
 For Singapore.—Per *Prometheus* to-morrow the 15th instant, at 10.30 A.M.  
 For Shanghai.—Per *Glimshel* to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
 For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Kaitow* to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
 For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per *Belge* to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 0.30 P.M.  
 For Kobe.—Per *Flintshire* to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
 For Bangkok.—Per *Manghut* on Thursday, the 16th instant, at 8.30 A.M.  
 For Yokohama and Kobe.—Per *Electra* on Thursday, the 16th instant, at 9.30 A.M.  
 For Europe, &c., India, via Bombay.—Per *Malurus*, on Thursday, the 16th instant, at 12.00 A.M.  
 For Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per *Guthrie* on Friday, the 17th instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
 For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Virona* on Friday, the 17th instant, at 5.00 P.M.  
 For Singapore.—Per *Agala* on Monday, the 20th instant, at 9.30 A.M.  
 For Straits, Colombo, Bombay, and Trieste.—Per *Maria Teresa* on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
 For Europe, &c., Australia, India, via Madras, and Mauritius.—Per *Malurus* on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, at 11.00 A.M.  
 For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Thibet* on Friday, the 24th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

## SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

**STEAMERS.**  
 AVESSINIA, British steamer, 2,48, J. C. Williamson, R.N.R., 1st April, Saigon 27th March, Rice.—Kung Yee, T. Bruhn, 9th April, Saigon 4th April, Rice and Paday.  
 WIELER & Co.  
 BELGIC, British steamer, 4,695, W. H. Walker, 6th April, San Francisco 10th March, and Yokohama 31st, Malls and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
 REMALDER, British steamer, 1,204, McIntosh, 14th April, Saigon 8th April, Rice.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

## HONGKONG—STEAMERS.

**Continued.**  
 BENLADI, British steamer, 1,431, J. H. Clark, 11th April, Saigon 7th April, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
 ALBANY, British steamer, 1,480, W. H. Hood, 12th April, Singapore 7th April, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
 CASS, Chinese steamer, 704, M. Jensen, 11th April, Keelung 9th April, Coal.—Malcampo & Co.  
 CHOW-CHOW, German steamer, 796, Clausen, 2nd April, Saigon 28th March, Rice.—Melchers & Co.  
 ELECTRA, German steamer, 2,000, T. Hildebrandt, 13th April, Singapore 6th April, General.—Stemsen & Co.  
 FAME, British steamer, 117, Lieut. Wm. G. Conley, R.N.R.—Hongkong Government tender.  
 FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, I. Lewis, 7th April, Manila 4th April, General.—Jar dine, Matheson & Co.  
 FRIJTH OF MANCHESTER, Norwegian steamer, 628, Leading, 11th April, Illoilo 6th April, Sugar.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.  
 GENERAL WERDER, German steamer, 1,870, M. Elchel, 10th April, Yokohama 1st April, Malls and General.—Melchers & Co.  
 GLENSHILL, British steamer, 2,240, R. D. Jones, 13th April, Singapore 7th April, General.—Jar dine, Matheson & Co.  
 GUTHRIE, British steamer, 1,403, N. Shannon, 12th April, Sydney 21st March, Moreton Bay 23rd, Keppel Bay 24th, Townsville 26th, Cooktown 28th, Thursday Island 30th, and Port Darwin 31st April, General.—Russell & Co.  
 KUTSANG, British str., 1,495, W. O. M. Young, Calcutta 24th March, Penang 31st, and Singapore 4th April, General.—Jar dine, Matheson & Co.  
 MICHAEL JENSEN, German steamer, 710, J. C. Mathiesens, 7th April, Saigon 2nd April, Rice.—Wielor & Co.  
 MONGUIT, British steamer, 850, G. Anderson, 8th April, Portland (Oregon), via Yokohama, Kobe, and Nagasaki, 6th March, Fiume.—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
 PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stupani, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
 PROTOS, German steamer, 1,250, M. Johansson, 4th April, Saigon 30th March, Rice.—Wielor & Co.  
 SINGAM, British str., 1,056, Price, 12th April, Whampoa 12th April, General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
 THANG AY, Chinese steamer, 350, Wong Ling Sing, 11th Dec., Haiphong 27th Dec., Ballast.—Chinco.

## SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH ORRIS, American bark, 1,376, F. Carleton, 5th March, New York 31st August, Kerosene Oil.—Reuter, Brockmann & Co.  
 DOROTHEA, German bark, 620, H. F. Moeller, 25th March, Hamburg 20th Oct., General.—Stemsen & Co.  
 ERLEKING, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination bulk, Stonecutters' Island.—Chinese Customs.  
 GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, 1,497, J. F. Rowell, 11th July, Newcastle, N.S.W., 10th January, Calcutta.—Order.  
 HERRICH, German bark, 923, F. H. Bannan, 22nd Feb., Hamburg 20th Sept., General.—Carlowitz & Co.  
 JAPAN, Peruvian bark, 198, M. Janila, 17th Nov., Callao (Peru) 30th August, General.—Gonsalves & Co.  
 JENNY, American schooner, 47, Basde, 9th Jan., Yap 26th December, Beebe-de-mer.—Master.  
 PENHAW, British bark, 720, John Inokuy, 18th Feb., Camran (Philippines), 7th October, Thibet.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
 PRETOR, British bark, 450, C. Hansen, 7th April, Kemo 12th March, Rattan.—Russell & Co.  
 ORIENT, German bark, 461, H. R. Gontard, 6th April, Singapore 10th Feb., Timber.—Wielor & Co.  
 SARA MEREDITH, Peruvian schooner, 245, A. Munizaga, 4th July, Saigon 27th June, Rika.—Captain.  
 WM. LE LACQUE, British bark, 573, W. Auld, 7th March, Honolulu 21st January, Iron, Copper, &c.—Wing Wo Chan & Co.

## Intimations.

## Dr. Knorr's ANTIPIRYNE.

(Dose for Adults 15 to 25 grains 4 or 5 times a day.)  
 IS the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the medical Faculty. To be had from every reputable Chemist and Druggist. Ask for DR. KNORR'S ANTIPIRYNE! Each Tin bears the inventor's signature, "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for China. Beware of spurious imitations!  
 Hongkong, 2nd May, 1891.

## NOTICE.

## STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SANDAKAN.  
 IN ITS PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Will and Estate of CHARLES WALTER FLINT, of Sandakan, Deceased.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims against the Estate of CHARLES WALTER FLINT, deceased, late of Sandakan, Merchant, Probate of whose Will has been granted by the High Court of Sandakan, to H. B. DUNLOP of Sandakan, Executor appointed by the Will of the said deceased, are hereby required to send in particulars of such claims to the said undersigned, on or before the Thirtieth first day of October, 1891. And Notice is hereby given that after such date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.  
 Dated this First day of November, 1890.  
 P. F. J. MARCUS, Registrar.  
 Receiver for the said Executor.

H. B. DUNLOP, Sandakan.

**G. FALCONER & CO.**  
 WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS AND JEWELLERS,  
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 CHARTS AND BOOKS.  
 No. 48, Queen's Road Central.

## Mails.

**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, ERIN, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.**  
 ALSO,  
 BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.  
 N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.  
 SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP "MALWA,"** Captain C. F. Preston, R.N.R., with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY on THURSDAY, the 16th April, at NOON, connecting with the *Peninsular* at that port, which vessel takes on her cargo for LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving BOMBAY on the 9th May.  
 Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 P.M., on the day before sailing.  
 Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General transhipped at BOMBAY.  
 For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.  
 This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for Marseilles.  
 E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.  
 P. & O. S. N. Co's Office, Hongkong, 4th April, 1891.

## OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.  
 THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

## THE Steamship "BELGIC"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th inst., at 1 P.M.  
 Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamer for Shanghai and Japan Ports.  
 ALL PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.  
 First-class Fares granted as follows:—  
 To San Francisco.....\$225.00  
 To San Francisco and return.....393.75  
 To Liverpool.....325.00  
 To London.....332.00  
 To Yokohama.....332.00  
 To Yokohama and return.....393.75  
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 Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.  
 Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.  
 Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.  
 Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.  
 For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.  
 J. S. VAN BUREN, Acting Agent.  
 Hongkong, 11th April, 1891.

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
 THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

## THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 25th inst., at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.  
 Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.  
 Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.  
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 Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.  
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 J. S. VAN BUREN, Acting Agent.  
 Hongkong, 2nd April, 1891.

## Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.  
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.

Parthia ..... Tuesday... May 5th.  
 Empress of Japan ..... Tuesday... June and.  
 Empress of India ..... Tuesday... June 30th.

**THE Steamship**  
 Captain J. Panton, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 5th May, Majesty's Mails, will proceed via ANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI and YOKOHAMA.

**RATES OF PASSAGE.**  
 FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.  
 To Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimaux, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O.....\$225.00  
 To Banff, Calgary .....\$225.00  
 To Winnipeg.....\$225.00  
 To Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth.....\$225.00  
 To Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis.....\$225.00  
 To Detroit, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Hamilton, London, Ont., Toronto, Niagara Falls .....\$305.00  
 To Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, Boston, Portland (Maine), Halifax, St. John, To Liverpool and London .....\$325.00  
 To Paris and Bremen .....\$325.00  
 To Havre and Hamburg .....\$325.00  
 Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers.

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 Prepaid return tickets to Pacific Coast Points, and to Eastern and Interior Points of Canada and U.S.A. will be granted, available for 12 months at 25 per cent. off Return Fare.  
 (Time is reckoned from the date of issue to date of re-embarkation at Vancouver.)  
 Passengers to Pacific Coast Points and to Interior and Eastern Points of Canada and U.S.A. not holding prepaid return tickets, but who re-embark at Vancouver within 12 months from date of issue of original ticket, will be allowed to per cent. of the return fare.  
 Prepaid return tickets to Liverpool and London will be issued, available for 12 months at \$650 or for 4 months \$775.  
 CARGO.—Through Bills of Lading, issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Ports.  
 Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. BROWN, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Vancouver, B. C.  
 Parcels must be sent to the Office with address marked in full by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.  
 For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to  
 ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.  
 Hongkong, 8th April, 1891.

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 N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.  
 ON SUNDAY, the 10th day of May, 1891, at 11 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain Reinhold, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE & CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at Genoa. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 4 P.M. on the 9th day, (Parcels are not to be sent on Board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required. The Steamer has splendid Accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. For further Particulars, apply to  
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 Hongkong, 11th April, 1891.

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 In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Underengineer is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.  
 D. GILLIES, Secretary.  
 Hongkong, 25th August, 1885.

## NOTICE.

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